

Remarks

The present amendment responds to the Official Action mailed October 22, 2003.

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 7, 10 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Michlin et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,634,175 ("Michlin"). Claims 2-6, 8, 9 and 19-22 were indicated to be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11-17 were indicated to be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 2, 7-9, 11, 13, 15-17 and 19-22 have been amended to be more clear and distinct. Claims 1, 10 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17 and 19-22 are presently pending.

The Section 112 Rejections

Regarding claims 1-10, independent claims 1 and 10 have been canceled and claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 1. Claim 2 has been further amended to address the Section 112 rejection of claim 1, clarifying that claim 2 includes a single step of assembling. Claim 7 has been amended to remove the limitation "laser printer cartridge" and to depend from claim 2. Claim 8 has been amended to address the Section 112 rejection, clarifying that the "capacitor type" device is a "capacitor" device. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 2. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-9 are in order for allowance.

Regarding claims 11-17, claims 11, 13 and 15 has been amended to address the Section 112 rejection. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that claims 15-17 are in order for allowance.

Regarding claims 19-22, claim independent 18 has been canceled and claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 18. Claim 19 has been further amended to address the Section 112 rejection of claim 18 by amending the “external access” to be an “external access member.” Claims 20-22 have been amended to depend from claim 19, rather than claim 18, to provide proper antecedent basis for “the conductive strip.” Claim 22 has been amended to address the Section 112 rejection, clarifying that the “capacitor type” device is a “capacitor” device. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that claims 19-22 are in order for allowance.

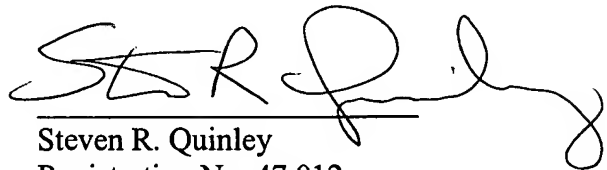
The Art Rejections

Claims 1, 7, 10 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Michlin. These rejections are traversed as not supported by the relied upon art. While applicant does not acquiesce in this ground of rejection, as claims 1, 10 and 18 have been canceled, and claim 7 amended to depend from allowable claim 2, applicant respectfully requests that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the pending claims appearing to be in order for allowance, prompt allowance of the present application is requested. Any questions regarding this application may be raised by telephone with the undersigned if it is considered that processing of this application will be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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